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SUBJECT: BEIRUT PRESS ON EVENTS IN SOUTH LEBANON

1. L'ORIENT-LE JOUR JAN 29 CARRIES FRONT-PAGE STORY ON RECENT EVENTS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON, INCLUDING REPORT THAT MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE FUAD BOUTROS MET ON FRIDAY, JAN 28 WITH MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL STAFF OF THE LEBANESE ARMY TO EXAMINE THE POSSIBILITY OF GIVING THE LEBANESE ARMY RESPONSIBILITY FOR ASSURING SECURITY IN THE FRONTIER REGION OF SOUTHERN LEBANON.

2. IN THE SAME ARTICLE, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SUPREME SHIITE COUNCIL, THE IMAM MUSA SADR, IS QUOTED AS SAYING "THE LEGITIMATE LEBANESE AUTHORITY IS BEING DENIED THE RIGHT TO PROTECT THE SOUTH AND ASSURE ITS SECURITY, WITH THE AID OF THE ASF, BY THE ISRAELIS WHO CONTINUE TO MAKE THREATS, BOTH THROUGH OFFICIAL CHANNELS AND IN THEIR NEWSPAPERS. THE LEBANESE SHOULD REALIZE THE DANGER INHERENT IN THIS ISRAELI ATTITUDE."

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